

CENTRAL VALLEY SALMON RECOVERY PLAN

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) requested that the Council and its advisory bodies provide comments on the Co-Manager Review Draft Recovery Plan for Endangered Species Act (ESA) Listed Sacramento Winter Chinook, Central Valley Spring Chinook, and Central Valley Steelhead (CVRP). The executive summary and winter Chinook stressor matrix of the CVRP is included as Attachment 1, while the entire CVRP is on the CD version of the September 2008 briefing book.

The comment period for the Co-Manager Review Draft CVRP ended June 30, 2008; however, because the public review draft would not be released in time for comments to be developed prior to the September Council meeting, and the expected comment deadline was before the November Council meeting, NMFS requested the Council comment on the Co-Manager draft and submit comments under the public draft comment period.

NMFS has asked that comments focus primarily on the overall approach of the recovery strategy, the threats identification and prioritization process, and the Central Valley-wide and watershed specific recovery actions. The CVRP was distributed to the Salmon Technical Team (STT), Habitat Committee (HC), and Council staff in June to provide an opportunity to review the document over the summer and to provide some comments with the briefing materials to assist in Council and advisory body deliberations (Agenda Item D.3.a, Attachment 2; Agenda Item D.3.c, STT Report). Comments addressing specific points are provided in the format requested by NMFS.

Council Tasks:

- 1. Consider comments and recommendations developed by staff and advisory bodies.**
- 2. Provide guidance on submitting comments and recommendations to NMFS.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item D.3.a, Attachment 1: Co-Manager Draft CVRP (Executive Summary and winter Chinook stressor matrix only in hard copy).
2. Agenda Item D.3.a, Attachment 2: Council Staff Comments On the Co-Manager Draft Central Valley Salmon Recovery Plan.
3. Agenda Item D.3.d, STT Report: Salmon Technical Team Report on the Central Valley Recovery Plan.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. NMFS Report
- c. Agency and Tribal Comments
- d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- e. Public Comment
- f. Council Comments

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